

Indiana Disproportionality Committee

Minutes

Meeting Date: Feb. 10, 2006

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Members Present: Jennifer Campbell, Kristen Schunk, Alfreda Singleton-Smith, Tammy Robinson, Tawanna Clarke, Beth Mickelson, Clara Anderson, Megan Chaille, Devina Jani, Michelle Tennell, and Gabrielle Campo

Members on Phone: Dave Jenkins (Allen County), Sam Young (Allen County), Andie Marshall, and Henry Mosley (Lake County).

Committee Reports:

Objective A: Research, Data collection, analysis and dissemination

Membership: Megan, Monique, Michelle, Devina and Ronnie

- Currently the Annotated Bibliography is 14 pages long and in its final stages before going to print and being prepared to be placed on the ICJI website (Annotated Bib along with glossary of terms will be disseminated at presentations).
- The PowerPoint presentation has over 40 slides. It is a growing document that makes it easy for the presentation to be given to be tailored to its audience appropriately.
- Any additional information that needs to be added to the annotated bib. needs to be sent to Megan Chaille at mchaille@iyi.org immediately.

Objective B and E:

- B. Increase awareness that Indiana has disproportional representation of children of color in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems.
- E. Promote public policies in the state that address disproportionality in child welfare and juvenile justice.

Membership: Clara, Alfreda, and Tammy

- The letter is a working document that needs to be sent to Devina at djani@cji.IN.gov - she will be responsible for tailoring it to each agency/organization (Do NOT forget to send her your list of possible places including your own organization in which we may be able to present - these need to be submitted before the next meeting on March 24th).
- Clara will also distribute a list of relevant legislative updates that are occurring in the IGA currently.

Objective C: Training all public and private professionals who work with children and families.

Membership: Delores, Pat, and Lisa

- No report - Members were not present.

Other Business:

- Documents need to be resent to Henry.Mosley@DCS@in.gov (Michelle did during meeting)
- Distribution List needs to be updated (This needs to be sent to Devina) Please include agency affiliation, address, email, phone and fax numbers.
- Devina will be responsible for tracking the responses of agencies and organizations that we will present at, updating committee members as the calendar fills in, and track the number of presentations committee members participate in (Each committee member is expected to present at LEAST twice).
- Travel ... What does it entail? What are we willing to do?
 1. Information has been sent to Willis Bright regarding the work of the Committee.
 2. Michelle will discuss with the Executive Director of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (Heather Bolejack) in order to see if travel costs can be covered by agency.
 3. If you personally have to do a training please be sure your mileage is reimbursable if travel costs can not be covered by ICJI.
- Monique Busch active member of Research committee will be unable to attend meetings if they continue to be held on the second Friday of each month - May need to rethink meeting date.
- Training dates that will require persons to come to the government center to experience the training will be
 1. March 24th at 1pm - 3pm - College Ave. Branch
4180 N. College Ave
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205
317-275-4320

Please RSVP by Friday, March 17, 2006 to djani@cji.in.gov
(Research committee may be there by 12pm to set up).
 2. April 21st at 10:30am - 12:30pm - College Ave. Branch
4180 N. College Ave.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205
317-275-4320

Please RSVP by Friday, April 14, 2006 to djani@cji.in.gov
(Research committee may be there by 10 am to set up).
- All committee members need to submit frequently asked questions (FAQ's) to Devina by March 24th to be posted on the web.
- Evaluation tool needs to be developed based on audience (Community/Professional) - Both need to be very BRIEF!
- All committee member agencies/organizations will have an ICJI link on their website - this will make it easier as only one website will need to be updated vs. the multiple partners.
- Disproportionality is one of the four core mandated issues ICJI must tackle so all relevant information can be disseminated and posted on their website.
- DMC Website will include FAQ's, Presentation Calendar (may also include community events/activities as well), Annotated Bib., Glossary of Terms, and a list of/links to other pertinent resources.

- Tammy will recruit an individual to create a pretty DMC logo that will serve as the link
- Jennifer Campbell will send the information she obtained about diversity training via-email at her earliest convenience.
- Tanasha of IBE will be meeting with Tammy - Hopefully IBE slides of county data will be shared with us so we can tailor presentations with existing information without recreating slides.
- SOBY report is located on the IBE website for viewing
- Clara has worked with the CEO of Wishard and other members as a result of a committee that was formed from the Fall SOBY Update in Oct. - The concept favors Healthy Families - utilizing an intervention approach. - Do we target other hospital entities (St. Vincent, Methodist, Riley, Community etc)?
- It would be a good idea to invite other entities working towards the same goal as ours to meet with us so we ALL can share what we have thus far ... IBE, Wishard etc
- Annie E. Casey Foundation has noted Marion County as a JDAI site - Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative

Possible Presentation Sites:

- Tammy will be obtaining information (potential presentation dates) for the Black Caucus: Held every Wednesday at Skyline Club.
- Andie Marshall would like for the Committee to present at Prevent Child Abuse (Andie will also be finding out about Council Collaboration in the South - Also a possible presentation opportunity - Feb. 28th).
- Senator Vernon Smith is heading the Initiative for Endangered Boys. This group is very active in Lake County, and could be a potential site for a presentation.

Other Pertinent Information:

- Prior to presenting we are requesting that ALL individuals first attend a "Presentation Training" session. This is to ensure that disseminated information remains the same at every presentation opportunity. This will eliminate chances of information becoming misleading - positively or negatively.
- If one is presenting for a particular group ... slides maybe altered, however, prior to presentation the research committee must review the presentation. Please send adapted powerpoint presentation to Devina and she will then forward to other committee members.